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CHELAN COUNTY ROAD NAMING STANDARDS

- Road names must be easy to read and pronounce.
- Road names shall neither contain vulgarity or vulgar innuendo, nor insult any person, group or class of persons, or institution.
- Road names must not sound similar to other road names within the county, whether existing or currently proposed.
- Road names will not be numerical terms (e.g., 1st, 2nd) or alphabetical letters (e.g., A, B), contain dashes or apostrophes, or have complicated or unconventional spellings.
- Road names will use abbreviations, recognized by the US Postal Service and compliant with MUTCD regulations, when possible. (e.g., Derby Canyon Road would be Derby Cyn Rd).
- Road names are limited to two words, not including the directional designator/prefix or the road name designator/suffix. Road names may not contain a directional designator/prefix or a road name designator/suffix as part of the base name (i.e, Pine Loop Rd or S North Pine Rd). The base name is determined by the part of the road name that is neither the directional designator/prefix nor the road name designator/suffix.
- Road names will be no more than 22 characters, including spaces, directionals and the designator/suffix.
- Variations of the same name with a different road designation are considered duplication (i.e., Pine Rd, Pine Dr and Pine Ln).
- Articles (The, A, or An) will not be used to begin road names.
- Road names duplicating commercial or private facilities will not to be used (i.e., Bowling Alley, Tennis Court).
- The use of a name derived from a community name or geographic feature will be limited to use at locations in close proximity to such community or geographic features.
- A proposed road that is a continuation of, or in alignment with an existing road, shall continue the road name of the existing road when possible.
- Roads that connect to each other and are not a natural extension of the existing road may not start with the same word as the road name at the point of origin.
- The road designator/suffix of Lane (Ln) is required for all private roads; the road designator/suffix of Lane (Ln) will not be used on any public roads.
- The following road designators may only be used on public roads: Rd, Dr, Cir, Ct, Pl, Lp and Way.
- The following road designators are reserved for use only within urban growth areas of the county: St, Ave and Blvd.
- Directional designators will not be used as a word in any road name. Any directional designator shall be a prefix in the road name and bear the true direction of the road.